

# MONTANA WHEAT AND BARLEY COMMITTEE

Summer Board Meeting  
Northern Crops Institute  
Conference Room  
Fargo, North Dakota  
June 13, 2012

The following were present for either a portion of or the entire meeting.

## **DIRECTORS**

Bruce Myllymaki, Chairman  
Randy Hinebauch, Director  
Leonard Schock, Director  
Melvin Goffena, Director

Milo Mattelin, Vice Chairman  
Chris Kolstad, Director  
Frank Schoonover, Director

## **EX-OFFICIOS**

Ron de Yong, Director, Montana Department of Agriculture  
Not Present: Byron Grassman, Manager, Mountain View Coop  
Not Present: Dr. Jeff Jacobsen, Dean; MSU College of Agriculture and Director;  
Montana Ag Experiment Station

## **STAFF**

Kim Falcon, Executive Vice President  
Tammy Suek, Administrative Assistant

## **GUESTS**

Terry Whiteside, Freight Traffic Consultant, Whiteside and Associates  
Joel Clairmont, Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture  
Mark Weber, Executive Director, Northern Crops Institute  
Walt Hinebauch

*Chairman Bruce Myllymaki called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. After introduction of board members and guests, **Chairman Myllymaki called for public comment and heard none.***

Director Kolstad made the motion to adopt the tentative agenda and Director Schoonover seconded it. The agenda passed unanimously.

## **Review of March 14-15, 2012 Meeting Minutes and May 2, 2012 Conference Call Minutes**

Executive Vice President Kim Falcon presented the minutes of the March Board Meeting and the May Board Conference Call.

Director Schoonover moved and Director Mattelin seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Financial Review**

Executive Vice President Falcon presented the Financial Statement and Assessment collection update. There was a brief discussion on refunds and ITSD expenses.

Director Mattelin moved to accept the financial statement. Director Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Montana Department of Agriculture Update**

Director Ron de Yong attended the open house at the State Grain Lab. He also attended the Rail Service Competition Council meeting in Helena and said it was very productive.

## **Communications Update**

Executive Vice President Falcon gave Steve Becker's communication report. He attended the Wheat Stem Sawfly conference at MSU; there were at least 80 in attendance and as of yet no real answers solutions presented.

Steve attended the Gallatin Valley Farm Fair and reported on the significant number of children in attendance. He also took a tour around the state taking photos and talking to elevator managers, no concerns were brought to his attention.

## **Northern Crops Institute (NCI)**

Director Mattelin gave an update on NCI and the upcoming North Dakota Barley Tour. He notified the board that the Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee has put a long term project on hold because of the lack of federal funding.

## **Marketing Program Update**

Executive Vice President Falcon presented Cassidy Marn's marketing program report. Cassidy attended Plains Grains, Inc. board meeting in Kansas and toured the Kansas Wheat Commission's new facility location. PGI Board discussed the licensing of HWW.

There was a discussion about the Young Producer's Program tentative planned to visit NCI and the Minneapolis Grain Exchange. A suggestion was made for an all women team to the Wheat Marketing Center.

The new web site is up and running, but still working out some issues with the state ITSD Department. It was suggested that the transportation page be available to both producers and buyers.

The OVA grow-outs are on schedule and we anticipate that we will have requests for barley samples to South America this year. Trade Team season is here, we have at least 13 scheduled so far with many others yet to contact us.

### **National Barley Foods Council**

Chairman Myllymaki notified the board about the lack of information available to make a funding decision for the National Barley Foods Council. It was suggested that we could also award the funding to NCI to assist their Barley program.

### **U.S. Grains Council (USGC)**

Executive Vice President Falcon informed the board that the USGC is having some personnel difficulties and many key staff has left. She has been working with the overseas staff to coordinate trade teams and other programs.

### **Transportation Update**

Terry Whiteside gave a report on the Canadian Pacific Railway and the changes that might happen after August 1<sup>st</sup>. He also talked about the Montana Rail Service Competition Council meeting that was held recently. He thought the MRSCC members were doing a good job.

### **Wheat Marketing Center (WMC)**

Director Schoonover gave an update about the programs offered by WMC where there have been a number of important participants at some of the classes. They have also started communicating on both Facebook and Twitter.

### **Wheat Foods Council**

Director Schock attended the Wheat Foods Council board meeting in Bozeman along with Steve Becker. There were discussions about gluten issues and placing registered dietitians at grocery stores.

### **Executive Vice President's Update**

Executive Vice President Falcon updated the committee on the International Food Aid Conference she attended in Kansas City; there were at least 1000 attendees. One of the discussions focused on Nigeria and the Casava flour issue. She also wanted to point out that 34% of all food aid donations are wheat.

Ms. Falcon attended the State Wheat Executive Meeting in California and commented on the progressive research performed by UC Davies on Durum. She gave an update on the Canadian Wheat Board and the new taskforce that has been established between Canada and the U.S.

Dave Tweet's trip to Latin America with USGC was a success; we will be hosting a Colombian Malt Barley Trade Team in September as a result of his trip.

The Rural Advocacy League's proposal was discussed and it was decided not to fund due to the lateness of the proposal.

### **Approval of Staff and Director Travel**

The following will be added to the travel calendar:

December – USWA sponsored Latin American board trip, Director Kolstad and possibly Director Myllymaki.

November – Japan Mission with Cassidy Marn, Director Hinebauch and possibly Director Mattelin.

A possible USGC trip is yet undetermined.

Director Mattelin moved to accept the new travel schedule and Director Schock seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Upcoming Events**

June 19	Field Days – Moccasin
June 20	Field Days – Huntley
June 20	North Dakota Commission event – Mandan, ND (Leonard)
June 20-24	Korean Crop Survey Team – Great Falls
June 24	EPAC Conference – Billings (Mel)
June 27-29	USW Latin American Buyers Conference – Bogota, Columbia (Leonard, Frank)
June 28	Field Days - Corvallis
July 4	4 <sup>th</sup> of July – Office Closed
July 6-9	USWA Summer Board Meeting – Spokane (Kim, Frank, Leonard, Cassidy)
July 8-10	7 <sup>th</sup> Canadian Barley Symposium – Calgary, Canada (Bruce)
July 10-12	Columbian Trade Team – Great Falls
July 12	Field Days – Havre
July 16-18	North Dakota Barley Tour - Fargo
July 19	Field Days – Sidney
July 20	Taiwan Trade Team - Bozeman
July 23 – 27	Wheat Quality Tour – Fargo (Cassidy & Steve)
July 29-Aug.1	USGC Board Meeting – Vancouver, WA (Kim)
July 31-Aug.2	Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee – Billings, MT (Milo)
Aug. 1-2	HRS Roundtable – Fargo (Cassidy)
Aug. 9-11	South Asian Trade Team – Great Falls
Aug. 12-15	Philippine Trade Team – Great Falls
Sept. 3	Labor Day – Office Closed
Oct. 8	Columbus Day – Office Closed
Oct. 22-23	Wheat Marketing Center Board Meeting – Portland, OR (Frank)
Oct. 22-24	Export Exchange – Minneapolis, MN
Oct. 23-25	Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee – Omaha, NE (Milo)
Oct. 24-27	USWA Fall Board Meeting – Houston, TX (Kim, Leonard, Frank, Cassidy)
Nov. 6	Election Day – Office Closed
Nov. 12	Veteran's Day – Office Closed
Nov. 22	Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
Dec. 4-7	MGGA Convention – Great Falls
Dec. 10-12	Ag Summit – Chicago, IL
Dec. 25	Christmas Day – Office Closed

**New Business**

MWBC Fall Board meeting will be held October 10 & 11 in Great Falls.

The Transportation RFP process is still underway and we are waiting for the Department of Administration to complete their analysis.

*After asking for public comment Chairman Myllymaki adjourned the meeting at 4:30 pm.*

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Kim Falcon, Executive Vice President

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